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In re the Application of:

Russ Mumper et al.

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Derivatives, Compositions, and Methods of
Use

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: H. Owens Jr.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2001. In the Office Action, the Examiner required Applicants to elect a group from Group I, relating to DNA molecules, RNA molecules and polynucleotide analogue molecules (claims 50-52, 73-75); Group II, relating to lipids (co-lipids) and liposomes (claims 41-46, 53-55, 58, 76-78 and 80); or Group III, relating to cryoprotectants (claims 56, 57, 64 and 79), for examination in this application.

Applicants hereby elects Group I (claims 50-52, 73-75), but requests a reconsideration of the restriction as to all Groups.

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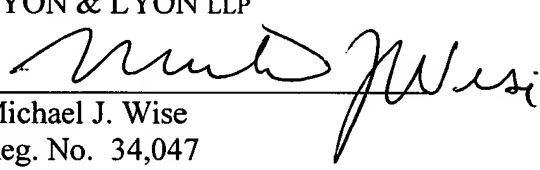
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Groups I, II and III are directed to compositions for the delivery of a polynucleotide into one or more cells. Each composition claimed in each claim of Groups I, II and III comprises a glycosyl moiety and a polynucleotide. Notably, Group II, which appears to be directed to a glycosyl moiety and a polynucleotide, generally (e.g. claims 41-46) includes lipid claims that depend from the DNA molecule/RNA molecule and polynucleotide molecule claim, claims 50-52, of Group I. Applicants further respectfully assert that the similarities in the compositions of Groups I, II and III make it so that examination of Groups I, II and III in one examination is not unduly burdensome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit a waiver of the restriction as to Groups I, II and III is proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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